

STATISTICAL REGISTER, 1859.
REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S Report to the Hon. CHARLES COOPER, Esq., Colonial Secretary.
Registrar-General's Office.

Sydney, 31st August, 1860.

Sir.—For the information of the general public, who are not very well disposed to wade through a mass of tabular statistics, I enclose a short Report. But it is considered it seems to be desirable that they should enter upon a sort of analysis of the returns, point out the more striking features, and above, with the aid of as few figures as possible, the comparative progress of the year past with others that have gone before it,—in fact, that the Government statistic should do that which is more properly the business of individual inquirers, and of the people themselves.

There is no objection, however, if it in any way satisfies the public desire for knowledge as to their social and material progress, to undertake the labour of an analytical review of the tables, and to preface the volume with the results.

I regret that with every effort on my part to expedite the completion of the work at a much earlier period of the year, it has been found impossible to print the criminal statistics, and in some few instances, even up to this time, to get in some of the returns necessary to complete the tables.

Great improvement upon the last year, however, is noticeable in the latter respect; and I have little doubt that, with unremitting perseverance, greater regularity may be obtained, although unassisted means are left to the Legislature for the collection of the statistics we can never hope to attain such perfection as has been arrived at in the sister colony of Victoria with regard both to punctuality and reliability.

The returns would seem naturally to resolve themselves under four distinct heads, which relate to the political, social, industrial, and financial condition of the colony, and which it is proposed to arrange the tables to coincide with these divisions.

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The returns are imperfect; the Returning Officers, in some cases, had retained no copies of the electoral lists, nor had they kept any record of the numbers who voted. The voting papers were kept sealed by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and it has been found impossible to supply the deficiencies through any official channel.

It will be seen that, exclusive of the gold-fields, the names of 69,776 persons have been placed on the electoral lists. This number forms 21.47 per cent., or one-fifth of the total registered population of the colony at the middle of the year.

The thirteen districts were uncontested, numbering 11,776 registered electors.

From official sources it appears that 27,149 persons recorded their votes, to whom, from unofficial sources, may be added 27,000, together 50,148. It thus appears, that out of 68,000 registered voters in the districts where the seats were contested, 30,148, or 45.00 per cent., exercised the privilege of the franchise.

The returns from the gold-fields are excluded, as being incomplete; but it appears by the return from the gold-fields north, that whereas there were not less than 2400 persons who, by the possession of miners' rights, or business licenses, were only 222 who availed themselves of the privilege.

It may be presumed that the greater number of those entitled to vote by virtue of a miner's right, or business license, were entitled to vote and did vote, by virtue of the residuary suffrage for the electoral district in which the gold-field was situated.

It seems that municipal institutions were established in thirteen districts during the year 1859. Of these institutions, ten only seem to have arrived at a stage of maturity, so advanced as to have completed the valuation of the rateable property in their districts.

The estimated value upon which the rates were struck in the districts named is £224,700. The rates vary from 6d. to 1s. in the pound, the only being under 1s., viz., Goulburn 6d., and Shell-harbour 1d.

The return of electors who voted at the election of 1859 is too incomplete, and the operation of the law too recent, to enable us to draw any just inference as to the improved condition which the attempt at introducing local self-government is holding in the people generally. Further experience is necessary to afford us the data upon which we may judge of the local interest exhibited in the working of these institutions.

SOCIAL.

5. The population tables for 1859 afford less satisfactory indications of progress than those of former years.

This is owing to two causes, namely, the separation of the colony of Queensland, and the falling off in immigration. From the former cause we have to write off an estimated population of 23,460, whilst the net immigration, after deducting the departures from the colony, amounted only to 9187 persons.

The estimated total population on the 31st December, 1859, inclusive of all natural increase of the population by excess of births over deaths (773), was 336,672 against 342,662 at the end of the previous year, or a decrease of 5490 persons.

7. The number of immigrants brought out at the public expense, and at their own expense, was as follows, viz.:—

At the public expense 6,916 6,114 1,662
At private expense (exclusive of China) 7,869 10,463
Total 24,739 12,474 12,265

The total outlay for immigration purposes was less than in any year since 1849. Compared with the year 1858, the net immigration of 1859, 231,606.

8. The return of Educational establishments shows an increase in the number of schools in the colony of no less than 82.

The increase appears to be distributed as follows, viz.:—

On 31st December, 1858 633
Increase.
National 22
Private school 53
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It is not improbable that the increase in the number of private schools is attributable to short returns in the previous year.

9. Whilst an increase is observable in the number of schools, as has just been shown, a slight decrease appears in the total number of scholars. In 1858 the number was 33,236; in 1859, 32,840; decrease, 396.

The decrease is to be accounted for by the omission from the returns for 1859 of the schools in the colony of Queensland.

The Denominational schools show a decrease of 2422 scholars, viz., 1858, 16,622; 1859, 13,690; whilst the National schools exhibit an increase of 633, viz., 1858, 7514; 1859, 8474.

The private schools also show an increase of 1427 scholars, viz., 1858, 3671; 1859, 999.

10. The Government expenditure towards the support of the Denominational Schools was £19,961.74, or at the rate of £1 1s. 4d. per head; and towards the National Schools, £30,600.56, or at the rate of £2 9s. 4d. per head. Whilst the amount of voluntary contributions towards the former was £1,650.28, 3d.; and £183 6d. per head; and towards the latter £1,620.28, 3d.; and £22 9s. 4d. per head.

An attempt was made in 1858 to obtain accurate returns of Sunday schools, and with greater success than on the last occasion, although the absence of information from any source whence it was sought to be noticed with regret. The return shows an aggregate number of 512 Sunday schools, and of 16,360 children who attend them, viz.:—

Scholars 8,509 5,763
Pett Sessions (exclusive of drunks) 8,509 5,763

In the Judge and Jury Courts the convictions are 54.00 per cent. of the commitments; and in the Courts of summary jurisdiction they are 69.00 per cent. of the persons taken into custody.

12. The criminal statistics, not out of place in this kind, and I do not know that I travel beyond the limits of my duty in giving to the result of my inquiries such prominent notice.

In England and Wales the criminal statistics show that one person out every forty-five falls under penal restraint; in New South Wales, one in eighteen, or nearly three times that number, are held of, that is to say, imprisoned or fined, whilst not less than 27.00 per cent. of the population come under police law under the imputation of that prolific parent of crime, drunkenness.

It has been found impossible on the present occasion to obtain information as to the state of education amongst the persons summarily dealt with, but I have reason to hope that on the next occasion this defect will be remedied, and the returns furnished complete in all respects.

INDUSTRIAL.

13. There is little to notice in the returns of manufacturers. This branch of industry seems to have made but little progress during the year under review.

Mining operations, however, were more active. The production of coal was 308,213 tons; that of the previous year was 216,397 tons; so that the increase cannot be less than 91,816 tons.

The returns for 1859 of the schools in the colony of Queensland.

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The boys number 7870; the girls 8720.

It is to be hoped that, for the sake of the little trouble it may occasion, ministers of religion will not withhold the information necessary to enable the Government to compile accurate returns with regard to the religious interests of the colony.

14. The criminal statistics are prepared in a more comprehensive form than they have hitherto been. They embrace not only the commitments for trial and convictions in the Supreme and District Courts, but they include returns of persons taken into custody and summarily dealt with at the several courts of petty sessions throughout the colony.

The commitments for trial in the Supreme and Circuit Courts show a decrease on the returns of the previous year, viz.:—

Prisons	1858.	1859.
Misdemeanours	45	29
Capital offences	29	20
	159	124

a decrease of 32.

The convictions were as follows, viz.:—

Felices	1858.	1859.
Misdemeanours	29	23
Capital offences	9	10
	153	140

By the foregoing statement it appears that out of 256 commitments in 1858, 159, or 62.00 per cent., were convicted, and 48.00 per cent. discharged; whilst in 1859, out of 224 commitments, 140, or 62.50 per cent., were convicted, and 37.50 per cent. discharged.

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THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1860.

Department of Public Works,
Sydney, 29th September, 1860.
TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND SUPPLIES.—Tenders are invited for the following Public Works and Supplies. For full particulars, see Government Gazette, a file of which is kept at every Police Office in the colony.

Nature of Works and Supplies.	Date to which Tenders can be received at this Office.
Erection of Gaol at Grafton	12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 2nd October.
Erection of Court-house, Grafton	
Erection of Courthouse, Warga Warga	
Gaol at Warga Warga	
Erection of Court-house, Hindmarsh	12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 9th October.
Erection of Court-house, Hindmarsh	
Supply of Metal at Grass-tree Hill, Great Northern Road—1st District	
Erection of Court and Watch-house at Lismore	12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 16th October.
Erection of Court-house, Tamworth	
Supply of Court and Watch-house, Panhandle	
Erection of Additions to Outbuildings, Watch-house, Mawneebrook	12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 23rd October.
Supply of Billet Wood, Great Southern and Great Western Railways	
Erection of Additions to Watch-houses at Dangarfield	
Construction of two Mud Pumps for Steam Dredge Hunter, Newcastle	
Erection of Watch-house, Penrith	
Erection of Court-house and repairs to Watch-house, Balmain	
Erection of Watch-house, Bingara	
Erection of Watch-house, Bowens	
Erection of Watch-house, Cullendulla	
Erection of Court and Watch-house, Ulladulla	
Erection of Court and Watch-house, Adelong	
Erection of Court and Watch-house, Timbarra	
Erection of Court and Watch-house, Nowra	12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 30th October.
Erection of Watch-house, Lake Macquarie Road	
Erection of Watch-house, Howlong, near Albury	
Construction of Hume Bridge	
Construction of Great Northern Road, 2nd District	
Repairs to Barrina Gaol	
Erection of Additions to Watch-house, North Gundagai	
Wollongong Harbour Works	12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 13th November.
Improvement of Kiama Harbour	12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 20th November.
Designs for new Houses of Parliament	1st March, 1861.

W. M. ARNOLD.

The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 23rd September, 1860.
TENDERS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE.—Tenders are invited for the following Services, the full particulars of which are given in the Government Gazette:

Description of Service.	Date to which Tenders can be received.
Conveyance of Mail (Southern Road) ...	1st October.
E. C. WEEKES.	

The Treasury, New South Wales, 25th September, 1860.

TENDERS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE.—Tenders are invited for the following Services, the full particulars of which are given in the Government Gazette:

The conditions will be the same as those published in the notice of the 9th of September last, and Tenders will not be considered unless in accordance therewith.

E. C. WEEKES.

1.—To and from Chatsworth's (Admiralty), once weekly; or,

2.—To and from Eden and Russell's (Dunton Town), via Goulburn, Binalong, Nymbybille, and Chalker's, twice a week.

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AUSTRIAN JOINT STOCK BANK.—Notice is hereby given that interest is allowed by this Bank on fixed deposits, at 5 per cent. per annum.

At 5 per cent. per annum for a period of 12 months, 4 ditto ditto ditto ditto 6 months, 3 ditto ditto ditto 3 months.

For the greater convenience of depositors, Bank Post Bills with interest added at these rates, respectively, are issued payable to order, and are thus negotiable at any moment.

By order of the Board of Directors,

A. H. RICHARDSON, General Manager.

Sydney, 1st September.

COMMERCIAL BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY.—It is hereby notified that a branch of this Bank is now open at Eden, Twofold Bay, for the transaction of all usual banking business.

ROBERT NAPIER, Manager.

Sydney, 29th June.

ENGLISH, SCOTTISH, AND AUSTRALIAN CHARTERED BANK (Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1852.) Paid-up Capital ... £500,000.

INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

JOHN YOUNG, Manager.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1850.) Paid-up Capital ... £2,000,000.

Reserve Fund ... £25,000.

Interest will be allowed on fixed deposits, lodged after date, as under, viz.:—

Per Annum.

Repayable on 7 days' notice of withdrawal ... 24 per cent.

Ditto on 15 days' ditto ... 30 ditto

On 3 months' ditto ... 4 ditto

Ditto on 6 months' ditto ... 4 ditto

Ditto on 12 months' ditto ... 50 ditto

On deposits of large amount, interest according to special arrangement.

Drafts are issued on the following Agencies of the Corporation in this colony:—Adelaide, Melbourne, Kialunda, Tumut, Yass, and Windyay (Western Gold Fields).

GEORGE K. INGELOW, Manager.

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY.—The sum deposited in each office of insurance to the mutual policy holders, owing to the accumulation of profits at compound interest, at a high rate, as shown by the annexed comparative table.

EXAMPLE.—Showing the bonuses according to a policy of life assurance for £500, if effected at the age of 40 in different offices.

Proposals and every information may be obtained from any of the agents and the principal office.

ROBERT THOMSON, Actuary and Secretary, Hunter-street, Sydney, October 1st.

NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.—Capital, £1,250,760.

Income, 1855—£213,228; invested funds, £45,675.

JAMES GILL, Esq., Chairman.

Alfred Ross, Esq., J. A. B. White, Esq.

Superintendent—James Rattray, Esq.

Medical Referee—John Moon, Esq.

Bolichester—Augustus Dick, Esq.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Insurances effected at the reduced rates of premium.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

The rates charged in Australia are the same as those in England.

No extra charge to members of Volunteer Corps.

Forms of proposal and every information may be obtained on application at the Company's office, in Sydney, 60, Margaret-street.

WILLIAM RAE, resident secretary.

LIFE INSURANCE.—THE EUROPEAN INSURANCE SOCIETY.—Policies available in Europe, India, and the colonies, for Life Assurance, for Endowment, and for Annuities, upon terms and rates of the most liberal and confidential character to policy-holders. Prospects and applications may be seen at the office of Mr. JOHN GOODL, at the Sydney Branch Office of the Society, Wynyard-square, Sydney, and at the branch offices in Melbourne, Adelaide, and Launceston.

J. G. WALLER and CO., agents, Wynyard-square, Sydney.

SYDNEY BRANCH—VICTORIA FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.—Established in Melbourne, in 1849.

Paid-up Capital £100,000.

Accumulated and paid-up Capital, £100,000.

SYDNEY OFFICE, Pitt-street, nearly opposite the Urteal Station.

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MELBOURNE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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John Dineen, J.P.

George Kirk, Esq.

The Hon. William Bighell, M.L.C.

SYDNEY BOARD.

A Branch office of this Company will be opened on MONDAY, the 17th instant, at an above address, under the management of the undersigned. An indefinite local board of direction is in course of formation.

The Directors of this Company consider the current warrant is anticipating an enlarged area, well-acquired in respect of the above as well.

FINANCIAL POSITION.

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THOUGHTS ON VARIOUS SCENES AND SEASONS.

(From the Sydney Mail.)

THE END OF THE YEAR.

I was in bed—had easily escaped from that delirious fever which had held me for a long time between life and death. My weak frame made an effort to recover its activity, but thought was precluded, all incomplete and confused, like a luminous jet which pierces the clouds. I felt rapidly the return of the giddiness which embroiled my perceptions. I floated, so to speak, between the alternatives of wandering and rest. For a moment everything appeared clearly, like persons seen open before us on a serene day from a lofty mountain, whence may be discovered the waters, the woods, the villages and towns, the cottage which repose on the banks of the ravine, but suddenly a breeze charged with fog approaches, and all is confounded.

So delivered to the assailants of incipiency, and partially recovered, I allowed my spirit to follow all its movements, without being able to distinguish reality from fiction. It glided swiftly from one to the other. The aching and the dream followed each other with equal step.

But while I was wandering in this uncertainty, behold, above the clock of which the sonorous pulsation measured the hours, a female stood before me. The first look sufficed to make me comprehend that it was not a daughter of Eve. Her eye had the departing brilliancy of a star which is extinguished, and which, while the other enjoyed all the pleasure of the light, shone. This latter, proud of his advantages, railed at the blindness of his brother, and disdained his company. One morning the blind

except by admiration. This vulgar crowd which I ought to have followed with a friendly eye, because composed of brethren in trouble, I have allowed to pass with indifference like a flock of sheep; vain of my useless knowledge I have despised the ignorant. I have insulted indigence in my thought as others have done in theirs. I have boasted myself in a gift and made a boor an offensive weapon. Ah! if in the worst days of the revolution against ignorance has sometimes uttered a cry against genius, the fault comes not alone from the absurd envy of the foolish. It

springs from the contemptuous pride of the knowing.

Alas! I have forgotten the fable of the two sons

of the Magician of Bagdad. One, smitten by the inevitable decree of destiny was sent to hell, while the other enjoyed all the pleasure of the light. This latter, proud of his advantages, railed at the blindness of his brother, and disdained his company. One morning the blind

"Of what use is it?" said the other, "since the gods have put nothing in common between us? For me the creation is a theatre in which a thousand charming decorations and a thousand marvellous scenes succeed each other. For you it is only an obscure abysm, at the bottom of which is an invisible world." Remain in your darkness and leave the pleasure of light to those who are illuminated by the orb of day."

At these words he set out, abandoned brother,

"I mean the words," said the other, "for me, and my good, he did not say 'I have been keeping you, my lord, there was no mention of your age' at all. There are on two different stories, my good, he has not said 'your lordship, I must have heard it.' So the Court had to give it up, though the witness was only too ready to tell all he knew.

Who knows if my pride has not provoked the same wish on the part of some of my brethren who see not?

What is there to be done? I am come to receive your thanks and your audience." I raised myself on my elbow with some difficulty, and said:

"Ah! you will be thanked," I said, "but as to what you have brought me! when I hailed your arrival I was still young and vigorous. You have taken from me each day some little of my strength, and you have finished by prostrating me in sickness. Already the veins in your blood is less strong, my muscles less strong, and my heart less active. You have placed in my bosom the germs of infirmity. Where the flowers of the summer of life should increase you have wickedly sown the weeds of old age. And as if you thought you had done enough by having enfeebled my body, you have weakened my mind. You have extinguished in it all enthusiasm, all hope, all interest in life. Timid! Heretofores its looks generally expressed entire confidence. Now it is rendered timid, and it sees now scarcely above its own level. As to my life, look to what sadness, abandonment, and misery you have reduced it. For so many days the fever has retained me nailed on this bed, and who has taken care of my dwelling where I placed my trust? Shall I not find my drawers empty, my library pillaged, all my poor riches lost by negligence and dirt? Where are the plants which I cultivated? the birds which I fed? All have disappeared. My parrot is deformed, silent, and solitary. Recovered only lately for a few instants to consciousness of that which surrounds me I am ignorant even of who has watched over me during this long suffering—without doubt some mercenary who has disappeared after having exhausted my resources. And what will be said in my absence to my employers? At this season of the year when avarice more than ever prevails, they will be shocked to hear that I have so little left. It is my desire that I may be thanked, and that my name be mentioned in the list of the deceased.

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